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AMENDMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed July 29, 2003, please enter the following amendments and remarks. A petition to extend time for response for three months, from October 29, 2003, to January 29, 2004, is filed concurrently. Also submitted herewith is Chandrashekar et al., Cell, 100(6): 703-711 (2000), Exhibit A.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.